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Job Title: Tree Service Technician II

Job Description Number: 737

Department/Division: Parks & Rec/Grounds

Exemption Status: Non-Exempt

Pay Grade: 207

Immediate Supervisor: Superintendent of Trees
Normal Work Schedule: Mon-Fri, 8 hours/day

# **Brief Description of the Job:**

Assist in performing tree services operations such as tree removal and tree pruning. Responsible for the installation of the City's Holiday light displays. Install and remove City's street pole banners. Support special events and other specialized activities. Be on call for tree emergencies and weather related events.

## **Essential Functions:**

Tree Removal (55%): Assist with the set up and cleanup of each job site. Responsible for the removal of trees on City property and the disposal of all debris. Assist with the removal of the stump. Be on call for tree emergencies; assist in removal of fallen/hazardous trees; work under adverse conditions for extended periods.

**Tree Trimming (20%):** Assist in performing tree services operations. Set up jobsite. Operate chain saws, etc., to service trees. Remove branches. Chip branches or load dump truck. Clean-up work area. Maintain equipment when needed. Perform preventative maintenance on tree servicing equipment.

Hang and Maintain Holiday Lights (10%): Provide City Holiday light display. Install and maintain power circuits. Use bucket trucks to display/remove lights in trees, and fabricate necessary materials to hold lights in place. Load lights and equipment. Set up truck, drive to site, and assist bucket operators by handing lights to hang.

**Hang and Remove Banners (5%):** Support special events and activities to display/remove promotional banners, etc. Load banners and equipment.

Special Events (5%): Assist with the set up and clean-up of special events.

**Ball Field Lights (5%):** Assist with the repair and replacement of athletic field/court lights.

Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

#### **Physical Demands**

**Overall Strength Demands:** Very Heavy strength demands include exerting over 100 pounds occasionally, 50-100 pounds frequently, or from 20 up to 50 pounds constantly.

**Physical Demands:** Continuously requires standing, walking, lifting, carrying, sitting, reaching, handling, kneeling, crawling, pushing/pulling, climbing, vision, balancing, bending, crouching, hearing, twisting, and talking.

Machines, Tools, Equipment, and Work Aids: Chainsaw, ropes, lowering device, racks, shovels, blowers, hand tools, files, signage, tractor, dump truck, front end loader, bucket truck, light trailer, and telephones.

**Computer Equipment and Software:** None.

# **Working Conditions**

**Overall Working Conditions:** Disagreeable: Frequent exposure to unpleasant environmental conditions and/or hazards.

**Environmental Factors:** Daily exposure to extreme temperature, wetness and/or humidity, respiratory hazards, noise and vibration, and physical hazards.

**Health and Safety:** Constant exposure to mechanical hazards, chemical hazards, electrical hazards, fire hazards, explosives, and physical danger or abuse. Rare exposure to communicable diseases.

**Primary Work Location:** Outdoors.

**Protective Equipment Required:** Safety glasses, safety vest, ear plugs or ear muffs, steel-toed boots, chainsaw chaps, gloves, seat belts, safety belts (harness), and hard hat.

## **Non-Physical Demands**

Frequently requires time pressures, irregular schedule/overtime, working closely with others as part of a team, tedious or exacting work, and noisy/distracting environment. Occasionally requires emergency situations, frequent change of tasks, and performing multiple tasks simultaneously.

### Job Requirements

**Formal Education:** High school diploma or equivalent plus six months to one year of advanced study or training in Arboriculture / Tree Maintenance are required.

**Experience:** Over one year of experience in Arboriculture / Tree Maintenance is required.

**Driver's License Required:** CDL Class B South Carolina license.

**Certifications and Other Requirements:** None.

### **Job Demands**

**Reading:** Basic Level: Ability to read basic communication using common two or three syllable words.

**Math:** Basic Level: Ability to perform the four basic arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division).

**Writing:** Basic Level: Ability to write simple sentences containing subject, verb, and object, and/or series of numbers, names, and addresses.

**Human Collaboration Skills:** Work requires regular and routine interaction involving exchange and receipt of information. Work has a moderate impact on the organization. External contacts include vendors and general public. Internal contacts include Public Works.

**Management and Supervision:** Work requires the occasional direction of helpers, assistants, seasonal employees, interns, or temporary employees.

**Technical Skill:** Basic skill: Work requires the use of standard technical skills appropriate to the work environment of the organization. Advanced application: Work affects accuracy of multiple projects.

# Freedom to Act and Impact of Action

Receives Direction: The employee normally performs the duty assignment after receiving general instructions as to methods, procedures, and desired end results. There is some opportunity for discretion when making selections among a few, easily identifiable choices. The assignment is usually reviewed upon completion. Moderate impact of action: Moderate benefits or costs in time, money, or public/employee relations.

## Disclaimer

The above information on this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job.